

## HISTORY AT A GLANCE.

A Table Showing the Dates of Important Events From 1861 to 1865.

- Abraham Lincoln inaugurated, March 4.
- Fort Sumter fired upon, April 12.
- Fort Sumter captured, April 14.
- First bloodshed in war, April 21.
- Battle of Big Bethel, Va., June 10.
- Battle of Bull Run, Va., July 21.
- General Lyon killed, August 10.
- Port Royal, S. C., taken November 3.
- Seizure of Mason and Seward, November 8.
- 1862.
- Fort Henry taken, February 7.
- Raccoon Island, N. C., taken February 8.
- Fort Donelson, Tenn., taken February 16.
- Battle of Pea Ridge, Ark., March 7.
- Battle of Monitor and Merrimac, March 9.
- General Albert S. Johnston killed, April 6.
- Battle of Shiloh, April 6, 7.
- Island No. 10 captured, April 7.
- New Orleans captured, April 25.
- Beaufort, N. C., captured, April 25.
- Yorktown, Va., taken May 4.
- Norfolk, Va., surrendered, May 10.
- Cornish, Miss., captured, May 10.
- Battle of Seven Pines, Va., May 31.
- Memphis, Tenn., surrendered, June 6.
- Seven days' battles, June 25 to July 1.
- Battle of Cedar Mountain, August 9.
- Second battle of Bull Run, August 29, 30.
- Battle of Richmond, Ky., August 30.
- Generals Kearney and Stevens killed, September 1.
- Battle of Chantilly, Va., September 1.
- Battle of South Mountain, Md., September 14.
- Harper's Ferry surrendered, September 15.
- Battle of Antietam, Md., September 17.
- Battle of Iuka, Miss., September 19.
- Battle of Corinth, Miss., October 4.
- Battle of Perryville, Ky., October 8.
- Rosecrans succeeded Buell, October 30.
- Battle of Fredericksburg, Va., December 13.
- First attack on Vicksburg, December 29.
- Battle of Murfreesboro, December 31, 1862, January 2, 1863.
- Emancipation proclamation, January 1.
- Arkansas Post taken, January 11.
- General Hooker succeeds General Burnside, January 26.
- Fort Sumter, S. C., bombarded by fleet, April 7.
- Grant's campaign before Vicksburg, May 1-17.
- Battle of Chancellorsville, Va., May 2-4.
- "Stonewall" Jackson shot, May 2.
- West Virginia admitted to the Union, July 19.
- Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., July 1-3.
- Vicksburg, Miss., surrendered July 4.
- Port Hudson surrendered, July 8.
- Draft riot in New York City, July 13.
- Mississippi river open to Gulf, July 14.
- Quintrell's massacre at Lawrence, Kas., August 21.
- Fort Wagner, S. C., taken September 7.
- Battle of Cumberland Gap, Tenn., September 2.
- Battle of Chickamauga, Ga., September 19-20.
- Brigadier-General Lytle killed, September 20.
- Battle of Chattanooga, November 21-25.
- Siege of Knoxville, Tenn., raised December 4.
- 1864.
- Battle of Olustee, Fla., February 20.
- Fort de Russy captured, March 14.
- Fort Pillow, Tenn., captured April 12.
- Butler landed at Bermuda Hundred, May 5.
- Battle of Wilderness, Va., May 5-6.
- General Sedgwick killed, May 6.
- Battle of Spotsylvania, May 8-12.
- Battle of Resaca, May 14-15.
- Battle of Newmarket, May 15.
- Battle of Dallas, May 25-28.
- Battle of Cold Harbor, June 3.
- Battle of Lost Mountain, June 15-17.
- Fight between Kearney and Alabama, June 16.
- Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, June 27.
- Battle of Monocacy, Md., July 9.
- Battle before Atlanta, Ga., July 20, 22, and 28.
- Chambersburg, Pa., burned July 30.
- Mine explosion at Petersburg, Va., July 30.
- Farragut entered Mobile Bay, August 5.
- Weldon railroad taken, August 18.
- Atlanta, Ga., taken, September 2.
- Battle of Winchester, Va., September 16.
- Battle of Fisher's Hill, September 20.
- Battle of Cedar Creek, Va., October 19.
- Nevada admitted to the Union, October 31.
- Battle of Franklin, Tenn., November 29.
- Fort McAllister, Ga., taken December 13.
- Battle of Nashville, Tenn., December 15-16.
- 1865.
- Fort Fisher, N. C., taken January 15.
- Columbia, S. C., taken February 17.
- Charleston, S. C., taken February 18.
- Battles of Ayerboro and Bentonville, March 15-18.
- Attack on Fort Steadman, Va., March 25.
- Battle of Five Forks, Va., April 1.
- Petersburg and Richmond taken April 2-3.
- Lee's army surrendered, April 9.
- President Lincoln assassinated, April 14.
- Johnston's army surrendered, April 26.
- Jefferson Davis captured, May 10.—American Tribune.

## GENERAL LEE'S TACT.

Some Good Stories of the Leader of the Confederate Hosts.

From an anecdotal article by Mrs. Margaret J. Preston, in the Century, we quote the following:

Few men were more skilled in the avoidance of every thing that could wound the feelings of others. On the occasion of General Lee's being summoned to Washington to give testimony on an incident connected with this characteristic. A connection of my own, who attended him as one of his complimentary staff, told me that when in Washington there were multitudes of persons—and among them some of the most distinguished in the land, North and South—seeking audience with General Lee; evening after evening was occupied with these interviews. Again and again had my friend been beset by a person who had no claim to be presented, and as often had been waived aside on the plea

that the number of gentlemen coming to be introduced was as great as two to one.

But this persistent Confederate watched his opportunity and made the best of it. Coming up to Colonel M.—when he was a little off his guard, he whispered: "Take me up now; there is nobody being introduced at this moment."

"But don't you see that the General is surrounded by a group of officers and Congressmen, and that it won't do to break in upon their conversations?"

But the old soldier would not be shaken off. So Colonel M.—thought the best way to end the matter would be to lead him up to the General, and thus in a moment put a stop to his pertinacity. Taking him, accordingly, by the arm, he drew him forward. The large circle opened and allowed a pathway, and the man was presented in due form and received with as much courtesy as if he had been a prince of the blood. Colonel M.—was about to lead him instantly away, when he suddenly stepped into the open space where the group had made way for him, and in rather loud voice said:

"If I have had the honor of meeting you face to face, and there was an opportunity allowed me, I would like to ask you a question which nobody but you can answer. I seem to have that opportunity now. This is what I want to know: What was the reason that you were so successful in your victory at the battle of Gettysburg?"

To have such an ill-timed question dropped like a bomb-shell in such a presence was, to say the least of it, embarrassing, and some court rejoinder would have been natural and to the purpose; but General Lee's kind-heartedness would not permit of such a question. Advancing and gently taking him by the hand, while all the listening group stood round amazed at the man's presumption, the General quietly said:

"My dear sir, that would be a long story, and would require more time than you see I can possibly command at present; so we will have to defer the matter to another occasion."

This same friend gave me an instance of a similar encounter that concerned Mrs. Lee, whose simplicity and kindness of heart rivaled that of her husband.

The General and his wife were at the Virginia White Sulphur Springs, occupying one of the pretty cottages that had been set apart for them. The crowd of visitors was great, and every body who had the least show for so doing was asking for introductions, for the war had long been over.

"I encountered a round-shouldered but absurd man from the far South," said Colonel M.—"whose enthusiasm for the Lee family was at fever heat. His pompous way of talking was a constant amusement to me; and when he asked that I should intrude upon the gray group of the General and his wife, of the General's cottage and introduce him, I naturally hesitated somewhat, fearing lest he should overpower them by one of his magnificent apostrophes. He joined me one evening just when we were passing the cottage door, where a party of visitors were being entertained by the General and his wife. 'Now is your time,' he whispered; and he forthwith drew me to the steps, where, as in duty bound, I presented him. Withdrawing a little, he assumed a Hamlet-like pose, and lifting his hand with a most dramatic air, he began:

"Behold the honored roof that shelters the head of him before whose name the luster of Napoleon's pales into a shadow? Do I see the walls within which sits the most adored of men? Dares I tread the floor which she who is a son of the patriotic cause of the revered Washington commands to hallow with her presence? Is this the portico that trails its vines over the noble par?"

"I stumbled back aghast," said Colonel M.—"at my own blunder, as I listened to this ridiculous speech, which I really believed was gotten up and rehearsed for the occasion. But was relieved in a moment when Mrs. Lee, quietly laying down her knitting and interrupting the rhetorical effort, with a kind look upon her face, replied:

"Yes, this is our cabin; will you take a seat upon the bench?"

"STOPPED THE SHOOTING.

How Private Jake Klein Got To Be a Full-Fledged Corporal.

Just before the fight at Williamsburg my captain was on picket at the front. The man on the left of me, as I went on guard at 10 o'clock one night, was a Dutchman named Jake Klein. He was a good-natured, obedient fellow, and not easily put out, but that night he was out of sorts, and as the rebel pickets were constantly firing in our direction, he finally got his dander up.

He was against orders to leave his post, but after awhile he came lumbering through the bushes like an ox team and growled out:

"Vhelli, shall we do somethings?"

"What can we do?" I asked in return.

"Take 'em some prisoner, eh?"

"You'd better go back and keep quiet."

"But those rebels was shooting all the while. Dot vhaan't fair play. I believe I go oafder and shtop him."

"Well, hurry up," I replied with a laugh; and to my surprise and consternation he started off in the direction of a rebel picket post. I called to him, but he answered back through the darkness:

"It was all right. I make dot feller behave herself or bring him in some prisoner."

He was gone half an hour before I heard any thing. Then there was a crashing in the bushes, some swearing and growling, and Jake appeared with a full-rigged Confederate infantryman, having a firm clutch on his collar.

"Here vus dose feller," he announced as they came to a halt. "He don't promise to keep shill, and so I bring him along."

"Dont that onery Dutchman," growled the Johnny. "He stole up behind me and jumped on to me like a mountain before I heard him."

"Who vus dose Dutchman?" said Jake.

"You was."

"Look out a leadle, ole feller, or I knock you over your head! I vus only Dutch in my mouth; all the rest was Union. Come along and behave herself, or I make you dead as crowsbar!"

Jake had actually captured a picket on his post and brought him off a prisoner, and he did it as coolly as any of the rest of us went out to drill. The rob was so mad he cried, but he was turned over to headquarters, and Private Jake Klein had "Corporal" as a handle to his name after a few days.

## USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

—In washing and holling them much of the piquant flavor which distillates the strawberries may be lost, if they are not carefully handled.

—In making omelet for a number, it is better to prepare several small ones rather than one large, unless it is a baked omelet, which is very good if served and eaten immediately after cooking.

—To free the head from scales, procure from a druggist an ounce of carbonate of potash, and take as much of it as will fit on a shilling in the palm of the hand, wash into a froth with a little water, and rub into the roots of the hair. Repeat every morning as long as required.

—The following recipe for the cementing of wood and glass is said to have the advantage over many others in that it does not injure the most brightly-polished hard woods. Mix together some finely pulverized, well-dried zinc-white with clear copal varnish in such quantities as to produce a half liquid preparation; spread this over the parts to be cemented, and it will be found that they will be joined firmly together.

—Varnish made with alcohol will get dull and spongy by the evaporation of the alcohol, which leaves water in the varnish, as all commercial alcohol contains water. It is therefore advisable to take a sheet of thin gelatin, cut it into strips, and put it in the varnish; when the water has evaporated, the gelatin will get quite soft, it can then be taken out and dried and used again.

—Fig Cake.—One and one-half cups of sugar, one-half cup of butter, the whites of four eggs, one and one-half cups of baking powder, one cup of milk, two and one-half cups of flour. For filling, cut one dozen figs into small pieces, barely cover with water and let them come to a boil, then remove from the stove immediately. Have ready the whites of four eggs, one cup of sugar, add to these the figs and one cup of sugar mix well and spread between the layers.

—Egg Cutlets.—Cut half a dozen hard boiled eggs into thin slices when perfectly cold; dip each slice into beaten egg, roll in bread-crumbs which should be seasoned with pepper, salt and minced parsley. Make three tablespoonsful of butter or oil dripping hot in a frying-pan, and fry the slices of egg to a light brown, turning each piece as soon as it is done on one side; drain from the fat, lay on a hot dish and pour over them a cupful of broth or drawn butter into which a raw egg has been beaten, and white boiling hot.—Good Housekeeping.

—The British Medical Journal favors cleansing the stomach before meals by drinking freely of water. Of this it says: "It washes away the mucus which is secreted during the intervals of repose and favors peristalsis of the whole alimentary tract. The membranes are cleansed in such a better condition to receive food when converted into soluble compounds. Food coated with tenacious mucus matter must necessarily be slow of digestion, and so especially in the morning before breakfast a good glass of water makes a hygienic preparation for breakfast."

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## TALES OF WOE.

Sad Scenes Enacted in the Conemaugh Valley.

Remarkable Rescue from the Death-Way Which Engulfed Johnstown and Her Neighbors.—The List of the World's Heroes Swelled.

Over and above all the feeling that presses upon one as he reads the columns in the daily journals that tell of the terrible scenes of physical nature let loose and started upon their career of destruction. The awful details make the heart sick. The people were caught without warning in the midst of their parents. Human nature was displayed in its grandest light in the numerous instances of heroism and courage. More than one brave man risked his life in trying to save those engulfed in the awful wall of water which came sweeping down the mountain and through the valley with a force far beyond that of the great cataract at Niagara. Sons rushing back for fathers and mothers were lost while the parents were taken out. Many a dear brother found a watery grave, and many a sister found a watery grave. A young man by survivors and thrilling escapes are in many instances most remarkable and almost beyond belief.

A man named Dougherty tells a thrilling story of a ride down the river on a log. When the waters struck the roof of the house on which he had taken shelter he jumped astride a telegraph pole, riding a distance of some twenty-three miles from Johnstown to Bolivar before he was rescued.

The eight children of James McMillan, the youngest of which is 10 months old, were in the house at the time of the disaster. The family was in the attic when the flood came. Each of the large children grasped a smaller one, and the family of five huddled together. The father made it possible for them to walk from room to room until they reached the Morrell house, where they were rescued. The father and mother were rescued, but the children were not. One of the children kept the baby lying motionless in his arms with his finger, which he had from time to time dipped in the water.

At Pine Creek, seventy-five miles from Johnstown, a child not more than a year old was found alive in the drift which had come down from the crest of the great mountain. It had been floating for thirty hours. It is almost a miracle how this little of humanity escaped death in such a cruel torrent after a journey of seventy-five miles, while many thousands of sturdy men and women met their death in the twinkling of an eye.

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